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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004 for three months from July 30, 2004 to October 30, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu filing a Reply to the Office Action, the Applicant is filing a continuation application concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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